## **Woods Hole Science Aquarium**

## **Find These Animals**

- 1.) Clam worms -- How many legs do you think each of our clam worms has?

  We're not sure -- in a photograph of one of our worms, we counted 136 segments, which means that worm has 272 legs. So the answer is, A lot.
- 2.) Oldest -- You can't tell the age of a fish by how big it is, so here are some hints about how to find the oldest fish in the aquarium: he lives in a tank in the front hall with crabs and sea stars; he is the only one of his kind in the tank; he is usually sitting on the bottom holding very still not because he is old, but because that is just what his kind of fish does. Which fish do you think is our oldest fish? blackbelly rosefish
- 3.) **Biggest fish** -- Which fish is the biggest (heaviest) in theaquarium? <u>stripped bass or wolffish</u>

Which animal is the longest? <a href="stripped bass">stripped bass</a>, wolffish, or conger eel

- 4.) **Feather blennies** -- The baby feather blennies hang out in the bottom of their tank (TE4). Look carefully. They blend into the bottom and hide in shells. How many can you see?

  there were six in the tank
- 5.) **Skilletfish** These little fish in tank TE4 are shaped like a skillet, or frying pan. They stick to rocks with their suction disks. Look carefully at the rocks and the sides of the tank. How many skilletfish can you find? **there were six in the tank**
- 6.) **Tagged fish --** Some fish in one of the tanks have round pink tags about the size of a quarter. How many of these pink-tagged fish can you see? **there were three in one tank** What kind of fish have the pink tags? **yellow tail flounder**

A poet wrote: "There are uglier fish than a blennie— / But not many."

Do you think the feather blennies are ugly? Are there any uglier fish in the aquarium? Which ones?

<u>This question has no "correct" answer. One student thought all the fish are cute.</u>
<u>Others thought the wolffish are uglier than the blennies</u>